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THE LIFE STORY AND GENEALOGY OF ABRAHAM AND MATTIE KING

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THIS LITTLE VOLUME
IS SINCERELY DEDICATED TO THE
GRANDCHILDREN
OF ABRAHAM KING IN HIS MEMORY
ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH YEAR
AFTER HIS BIRTH

PREFACE

Several years have been spent in gathering the meager details of this little booklet. It has become more fascinating as time goes on. The first records were made from the family tree which circulated in the "Married, First-Cousins' circle letter." Then obituaries of interest were tucked into the notebook, and a few family pictures. Along with this came a growing interest in biography and a sense of the value of inspiring histories of Christian men and women. Lastly, the enthusiasm for a reunion and the organizing for it have been responsible for the definite timing of this work.

First, I want to express my motive in undertaking this task. Let no one think that I have unduly praised man. My desire has been to show that God carries on His work through Christian men and women, and through Christian homes. I have been challenged by Christian lives and Christian homes of this family circle. I felt that a better knowledge of the home of our grandparents should prove a definite blessing to the home builders of today.

Secondly, I want to explain what I have tried to do. It has not been my aim to present here an exhaustive history of my King grandparents. I have tried rather to picture them at home in a way that will inspire the reader to strive for practical, Christian living and home building. I have tried to present a complete and accurate genealogy of the family group of which Abraham and Mattie were the beginning. I have given what background material I could gain which was accurate. I have organized the genealogy so that family groups stand together in units. Moreover, I have spaced it so that additions can be made as time goes on.

Thirdly, I want to acknowledge with gratefulness the help of those who have contributed to this work. The largest contribution to the history was made by Aunt Ella. Just a year before her death, when she visited us in Virginia, I spoke to her of my plans and asked her to write for me an appreciation of her parental home including interesting details. Several months later I received an eight-page letter from her, much of which I have quoted in the second and third chapters. Had I been able to talk with her later, no doubt she could have answered many questions which would have illuminated

the picture. Not only does her letter fill a large place in the history but it has served to stir up the memories of others of the family.

I am indebted also to Aunt Lydia, and Uncles Irvin, Dave, and Marion for quotations from their letters. I am grateful to Uncle Nelson and Rudolph for the details they contributed and to Cousin Nelson for his advice. I want to express my gratefulness to my parents for their encouragement as well as for the details they have supplied in answer to questions. My brother Sanford's help with the pictures and his interest in the task, I sincerely appreciate, as well as the assistance of all others who have contributed in any way to this work.

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CHAPTER I

THE YEARS GONE BY

Family history takes on a spirit of romance as we turn back the years to pioneer days. Indeed, family history has little interest or value for us except as its roots go deep into colonial times. Our heritage is the mold which shapes us into individual personalities. Our background is largely responsible for the environments which fill those molds. Thus, it is only as we gain understanding of our forefathers that we come to know ourselves.

Almost one hundred and fifty years ago a man, by name, Mr. Enoch, pioneered across the rolling hills of Ohio and erected the first buildings, a dwelling and a grist mill, where the well-known town of West Liberty now stands. That was in 1815, and proved to be the opening up of the Mad River Valley country of Logan and Champaign Counties. Two years later the village was laid out and the splendid farm land around it began to be occupied. A **Logan County History**, dated 1880, gives the following bit of description: "Pioneers traveled to the mill through dense thickets of hazel, plum, and thorn." The first store and postoffice were kept by Hiram White. Fifteen years passed before the first church—it was Methodist—was organized in West Liberty.

Another fifteen years passed and the first Mennonites began to come into Mad River Valley. Bishop S. E. Allgyer, who is now in his ninetieth year, says, "Many came in the years 1845 to 1850; the Kauffmans, Waryes, Yoders, Kings, Bylers, etc." Most of these folks were rural and the first Mennonite—really Amish—churches were built in the country. Oak Grove was built in 1875 south of West Liberty, Walnut Grove in 1875 and South Union in 1876 north of the village.

In 1844 there came into the open Ohio country from the mountains of central Pennsylvania a couple by the name of Yoder. Christian Yoder and his wife, Mary Sommer Yoder, bought a farm northeast of West Liberty along what is now known as the Ludlow and north of Five Points. They were no longer young people. Their youngest child had been born twenty-eight years before. Eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, had been born into this home in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania—David, Jonas, Mattie, Rebecca, Phebe, Benjamin, Crist, Daniel, Noah, Jonathan, and Salome. The Mast

Genealogy states that Christian Yoder's father was a Christian Yoder known as "Als der dick Christie."

Five years later the second son, Jonas, and wife, Lydia Sharpe Yoder, with their three little ones, Samuel, Crist, and Mary, came to Ohio. Here they settled on a farm adjoining his father's on the south. In 1850, the year following that move, on a bright spring day, May 19, little Mattie was born. In the next few years three more little sons came into this home. Thus the register in the family Bible would read: Samuel, 1843; Crist, 1845; Mary, 1847; Mattie, 1850; Menno, 1851; Rufus, ; Simon, 1858.

These Yoder families have a unique and lasting landmark. In the deeds of the farms the allotment is made of two acres from each at the place where the lands meet along the road. This four-acre plot is the Yoder Cemetery. It is kept by endowment. Here lie buried not only Christian Yoder, who died on March 13, 1859, at the age of 67 years, 8 months, and 10 days, and Mary, his wife, who died on March 21, 1861, at the age of 78 years, 5 months, and 24 days; but here we find also the graves of Lydia Sharpe Yoder's parents, Samuel and Martha Hostettler Sharpe. Samuel Sharpe died on May 13, 1865, at the age of 75 years and 9 months, and Martha Hostettler Sharpe, his wife, who came from Austria, died June 5, 1865, at the age of 70 years.

From these facts we conclude that the Jonas Yoder children knew all four of their grandparents. Mattie probably was named for her grandmother Sharpe and one of her father's sisters. She, with her brothers and sister, acquired her elementary education in a little one-room school near Five Points. Childhood led on to womanhood in a quiet, normal way. As Mattie came to maturity, folks saw in her the tender heart of her father. In the usual social gatherings where opinions were expressed she was never known to argue. Among the fine stitches of her quilts her girlish dreams were entwined. Those who "schnitzt" apples or husked corn with her admired her industry combined with modest friendliness. Such friendliness was appreciated in a special way by the young folks who continued to come west, and who found in the growing West Liberty community a welcome which made them feel at home.

Among the new faces that came into this thriving Mennonite community in the spring of 1870 was one we must learn to know. He had been run off the Lincoln mold and even bore his name. He was tall and straight with a square jaw and high cheek bone. Abra-

ham King was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on January 3, 1849, in the home of an Amish minister, Shem King, and his wife, Annie Zook King. He was the fourth child in a family of eleven. The home in which he grew to manhood can best be described in the memories of his children. In the summer of 1946 Simon recounted this memory to the writer: "I remember of going with my father by train to New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, when I was five or six years old to see Grandma King. She was living on a farm with her oldest son, Levi. I remember that my Grandmother was a short, heavy person." Ella writes of having seen her grandma King once and that she was of a kind, sweet disposition. She further states that her "Grandfather was a devout and hard working man and that they both were very strict and conservative in their everyday and spiritual lives." Shem King died on September 25, 1876, at the age of 56 years, 9 months, and 6 days. Thirteen years later his wife, Anna Zook, died on May 12, 1889, at the age of 65 years, 9 months, and 23 days.

In Lewistown, Pennsylvania, Harold H. Hartzler, formerly of Belleville, Pennsylvania, and now of Phoenix, Arizona, found the recording of the will of Shem King's father, Sam King. From this we conclude that Shem King probably left his father's home when he became of age and went as far west as Lawrence County in Pennsylvania. His children carried on the westward movement in much the same way, going on into Stark County, Ohio, and still further west to Logan and Champaign Counties in Ohio. From Harold H. Hartzler's mother, Anna Mary King Hartzler, and from Brother S. E. Allgyer, the writer has pieced together the following record of the Shem King family.

Shem and Anna Zook King's first baby, a girl, smothered in bed.

The first son, Levi (mentioned before), and his wife Margaret Miller, had no children.

The second son, Jonathan, chose Salome Zook for his companion, and to this union were born Mattie Anne and Amos.

Christian married Mary Zook and to them was born Emma. The mother died, and at eight years the daughter went to be with her mother and Jesus in heaven. His second wife was Fannie Byler, and the following children blessed this union: Sallie, Mary Anne, Andy, Christie, and Fannie. Christian, as well as Jonathan, lived in Logan County, where he served the South Union congregation for many

years in the office of deacon. He was a forceful speaker; his loud talking won for him the name, "Whispering Christ."

Abraham and his wife, Mattie, are considered at length in the next chapter.

Jacob Z's first companion was Barbara King who gave birth to Anna Mary, Joseph F. and Alphie. After her death Jacob married Mattie Yoder, and to this union were born Marion, Ivan, and Carrie. Like his older brothers, Jacob came to Ohio in young manhood. Brother Allgyer said he remembered Jake leading the music on a Sunday morning when church was at Mose Stutzman's in Champaign. That same morning Jake was "published."

Sam King and his wife, Elizabeth Zook, became the parents of nine children: Rufus, Phoebe, Emma, Jacob, Ephraim, Abe, Margaret, Lizzie, and Mattie. These children's homes are found in Lawrence County and Big Valley, Pennsylvania.

John King and his companion, Mattie Lantz, also reared a family of nine: Ella, Lydia, Milo, Sadie, Amanda, Mattie, Becky, John, and Jonathan. The homes of all these children are located in Stark County, Ohio.

The youngest son, Joshua, also lived in Stark County. The only child, a boy, born to Joshua and his wife, Annie Lantz, died in infancy.

Thus Abraham King, the main character of this story, became uncle thirty-three times to the children of his own brothers. This gives us some idea of the extent of the King family tree. To follow out one limb of this tree is a story in itself. We shall confine our study to the Abraham King family.

CHAPTER II

PRESENTING THE FAMILY

Most really true stories begin not "once upon a time" but "on a certain day" or "in the year of." And because Abraham King really lived, this history can be fitted into a definite block of time. As his life moved through that span of time, there unravels to us a beautiful story.

Soon after Abraham King came to his twenty-first birthday, he packed up his Sunday suit, overalls, and Bible and left home. It was the only thing to do. It was the next step in life. And besides his Bible and clothing he took with him the habit of hard work and the virtues of honesty and economy.

The journey from New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, to Bellefontaine, Ohio, some two hundred miles, was made by train. On arriving in Logan County, he made his home with his brother, Jonathan, living on a farm near Degraff. (The same farm was later enjoyed by his son Nelson and family.) For four years he worked as a farm hand.

Just when and how Abraham became interested in Mattie Yoder we do not know. Here we wish we could pull aside the shades of years for a glimpse of their courtship. We may conclude from the customs of their day that their courtship resulted in this: that on a Sunday morning in early February of 1874, the minister "published" Abraham King and Mattie Yoder. As the Amish Churches of Logan and Champaign Counties were not built until the following year, we may safely conclude that this "publishing" must have taken place in someone's home.

The week of February twelve was filled with much activity in the Jonas P. Yoder household. There was going to be a "hochzeit." Little of the excitement of this country home, snuggled in behind a hill away from the main road, reached even the community's people. Thus was symbolized the heart's desires and emotions hidden in the breast of Mattie, hidden in the breast of one nearing the marriage altar.

Again we wish we could see beyond the years to the day when Abraham King took Mattie Yoder to be his wedded wife. It was Thursday, February 19, 1874, and Bishop John P. King, uncle to

the groom, officiated at the marriage altar. Remember, this was a wedding in an Amish home—not far removed from the traditions and customs of “Rosanna.” As they went forth from that day as one, a tall straight, square-jawed young man and a small, sweet, round-faced young woman, we, too, wish them God’s blessing.

Abraham and Mattie went to housekeeping in a big old frame house in Champaign County. They were plain country people, and from the start they consistently practiced the doctrine of simple living. We cannot imagine any loud, out-landish colors or any form of decoration in that newly furnished home. The necessary furniture must have been simple yet sturdy and practical. Some pieces were new, probably hand made, while some pieces were likely purchased at an auction sale. There was a plain wooden chest, bearing the initials, M. H., and the date, 1817, which held the numerous hand-made comforters and quilts. The household furnishings not only filled their needs but were likewise expressive of their personalities. By his very nature he was the head of that home, and she, though quiet and meek, stood by him.

Six days before Mattie’s twenty-fifth birthday she became the mother of twin daughters. In those times before telephones it may have been several days after the arrival of the babies on Thursday, May 13, 1875, that word reached the Yoder grandparents. As they drove along in their buggy down to see Mattie’s first babies, one can hear them reminiscing of the strenuous year before Mattie was born when they were on the move. Perhaps it was their suggestion to name these little girls for their grandmothers. Since the babies themselves were not identical, it was hardly necessary that their names should sound alike, so they were named Anna and Lydia, honoring the grandmothers. When babyhood had given way to girlhood, and girlhood to womanhood, Anna and Lydia came to be quite accurate reproductions of their grandmothers, thus proving the aptness of their names.

Before the twins were a year old Abraham and Mattie relocated. They moved north into Logan County nearer their own kin and the South Union Church which they attended. They rented a farm west of the Carlisle Pike. Here, on Saturday, October 7, 1876, Simon was born. Any mother with three babies under two years of age is a busy woman, and now Mattie found use for the industry she had learned in girlhood and must have gone a long way toward perfecting the management of the household which her daughters admired in her in later years.

The next spring Abe (as everyone called him) and Mattie moved their little family again. This time they moved into a plain six-room house sitting on the east slope of a hill, west of the McKees Creek Bridge, about four miles south of Bellefontaine. This one-hundred-thirty-acre farm they rented from Grandpa Yoder for eight years, purchasing it from him about six years before his death.

On Saturday, November 17, 1877, Simon and the twins welcomed a baby brother, Aaron, that is, if babies welcome companionship. Now four little ones under three years clamored for attention, and during the year that followed Mattie did her best to care for those little ones, along with the canning, washing, ironing, mending, and baking of a farm home.

Two more sons came into this home in the next four years: Harvey, born Friday, October 31, 1879, and Jonas, born Thursday, February 3, 1881. Six little mouths there were now to feed, and six little hearts and minds to keep happy and busy. No doubt by this time the twins had tasks to perform and did much to lighten the detailed cares of housekeeping.

It was the fall of 1881 that the first school lunches were packed and the twins started off to school. It was hardly half a mile down the hill and over the railroad track to Round Prairie School. One can hear the mother, in tender yet firm tones, instruct the six-year-olds to be careful at the railroad and to take turns carrying the lunch basket. Doubtless a time or two during that first year Anna and Lydia entertained a small brother as a guest in school.

The early days of wintry weather came, and with them the Abraham Kings welcomed another daughter. On Monday, November 13, 1882, Anna and Lydia proudly whispered to their chums in school that a new baby sister had come to their house the day before. She was given a good family name, Mary Ellen. Eighteen months later Abraham Jr. came to join this happy family. He was born on Tuesday, March 25, 1884, and, like his father, was called, just, Abe.

The autumn days of 1884 called two girls and two boys to school from the King house on the hill. By this time the twins were able to do a great many household tasks and very likely packed the school lunches. There came also times of sickness, and the Christmas holidays of 1884 were saddened by the death of little Harvey. He left the family circle on Sunday, December 21, 1884, at the age of five years. It is thought that diphtheria caused his death. That the other members of the family escaped was a miracle.

On little Abe's first birthday, March 25, 1885, the farm was purchased from Grandpa Jonas P. Yoder. The deed recorded in the Logan County Court House at Bellefontaine, Ohio, specifies one hundred thirty-one and ninety-five hundredths acres for ten thousand dollars. The other event of importance in 1885 was the birth of Irvin John on Friday, November 13. As Irvin's was the third King birthday in November, so Rudolph came along to join his Mother and the twins in May. Rudy was born Wednesday, May 11, 1887. The eleventh child, Maude Mae, came into this home on Friday, March 29, 1889, and the number was completed with the arrival of Nelson Levi on Wednesday, February 28, 1894.

With eleven children all at home, even with careful management and much patience, the six-room house became inadequate. During the summer, when Nelson was one year old, the old house was moved from its foundation and put on blocks. The new house was built on the site where the old one had been. Ella wrote, "I remember distinctly that it was a very cool spring when the house was moved. We had an inch of snow on May thirteenth. The little apples, about the size of sparrows' eggs, hung on the trees under the beautiful snow. Nelson was just a little fellow walking around and he, too, was interested in the snow covered leaves and apples." Four years later a new barn was built for feed and horses, while the old barn was remodeled for a cow stable. The old house was moved near the barns for a buggy and implement shed, and one room was used for a shop.

"Father often spoke of the hardships in the years when we children were all small," wrote Ella. "I remember several of the hired men very distinctly. Mother often spoke of having hired help and would much rather have hired men as then Father took the hard work off her which she much appreciated. Mother was clean but not nasty particular. She was always busy and knew how to save, which made the burden lighter for Father. I remember the first bananas that were purchased and used in our home. Father was a very good provider and saw to it that the **necessary** things, such as flour, meat, potatoes, vegetables, and fruit were on hand. He was a great man to plant fruit trees and small fruit of all kinds, and he took good care of them. The good-sized orchard not only provided us health and comfort in its fruit but also stimulated physical strength in the work it took to care for it."

Even after the new house was completed the baking was still done in the outdoor oven. Lydia wrote, "I wish all the grandchild-

ren could see how we used to bake in the outdoor oven on Saturdays. We always had a big dough-trough full of bread dough to form into loaves, ten or twelve of them besides a big pan of rolls, and a dozen pies. Mother would make a fire in the oven and then spread the coals out to heat the oven evenly. We had to work to get the pies ready when the oven was ready. Then we would carry the things out on shelves. When everything was ready to go into the oven Mother would scrape down the ashes and slide the things in on a wooden paddle. This paddle was slanted from the handle to the front and the front was real thin so as to allow the pies and loaves to slide off easily. She knew just how to do it; the bread went in first, then the pies. Mother could put a custard pie into that oven without spilling a bit. When everything was evenly browned she would say, 'Come, girls, the baking is ready to carry in.' How good things would taste!"

The oven was also important in food preserving. There were three racks made of lathe which fit into the oven on which the apple "schnitz" were placed to dry. Peaches and pears were also dried on these racks for winter use. By covering the racks with paper they could be used for drying corn. In those days apples were "schnitzt" by the tubfuls, not only to dry but also for apple butter. Several batches of apple butter were cooked every fall out in the open kettle. Apple butter making meant getting fire made under a kettle of cider early in the morning, and then after the gallons of "schnitz" were added it meant hours of stirring and stirring. But apple butter was a **must** in a family where butter was distasteful. Nelson relates the following about apple "schnitzing": 'While the others "schnitzt" apples in the evening when I was yet too small to help, I used to go around the kitchen stove and crawl into the cob basket and go to sleep. One time when Anna came home from Pennsylvania and surprised us, she found the rest of them cutting apples and me asleep in the cob basket.'

Besides drying fruits and baking goods, it took a lot of canning to keep so many tummies satisfied. Besides the fruit and vegetables to can, there were hogs to butcher and meat to can and cure. Besides the dried fruit in bags and hams which hung from the joists in the cellar, there were on one side the bins or crates of potatoes, on another side the bins or bushels of apples, and on another the barrels of sorghum. Lydia wrote, "I remember that in winter the sorghum ran out so slow. One time when I went to fill the dishes I thought I could do something else while the sorghum was running

in. I tried it, but forgot to come back and so there was molasses running on the floor.” In the pantry of the new house was a big chest divided into two parts, one for flour and one for corn meal. Abe said: “Pa would take wheat in the wagon to Colton Brothers Mill in Bellefontaine and bring home flour and fill the big chest.”

“Oh, those jolly times on the farm,” Ella wrote. “One of my girl friends, who often visited our home, was one of three children, and she remarked how we could have the best times just alone, and that if ever she had a home she’d like a dozen children. She had ten. Simon wrote a poem one time titled ‘Retrospect.’ It is really nice to think of as it names so many of our childhood activities and possessions.”

GOING TO SCHOOL IN 1890

Summer was fast giving way to autumn. Pasture lands lay sunning in that color which is half green and half brown. The roadsides were boasting of their last stray asters and goldenrods. Shellbarks and walnuts were beginning to drop their treasures. The oaks and maples were vying for the gayest colors. The very air was pungent with the spicy odors of fall.

So was the lunch basket of the King children who came tripping down the hill each morning to Round Prairie School. Six pairs of feet sent the gravels rolling as six little hearts rejoiced in the glories of the autumn. The smaller ones in blue denims and calico aprons skipped lightly along while the older ones discussed the plans for the new house or expressed their favorites as to the apple varieties which had gone into the newly planted orchard. The older boys took turns carrying the lunch basket and guarding its precious contents.

That was a lunch basket long to be remembered. Its contents were to satisfy six hungry tummies. And they did. There were sandwiches, big slices of homemade bread spread thick with butter, mostly apple butter, as it is typically “Kingish” not to eat butter. There was meat for all, hunks of stewed beef or sausage, or slices of ham. Then came the pies, the half-moon pies, filled with spicy apple “schnitz”, and fruit from the family orchard.

When school was over for the day, the half-mile walk home, over a railroad track, was happy recreation. The girls were to carry the empty lunch basket home, and often they led by the hand a tot too small to go to school who had gone just to visit. Up the hill they trudged to their farm home where tasks awaited each. So the school days passed and now come back in pleasant memories to those who went to school at Round Prairie in 1890.

Upon the author’s having read the foregoing essay to her father, he, Abe, went off on a reminiscence of school days. “I often went to visit a day before I was old enough to go. I’d take turns sitting

with the others and would look at their books. If I remember right Luella Coone was my first teacher. We had a winter term of six months and often had a different teacher for the spring term. Other teachers we had were John Rice, Grant Sowers, Minnie Mason, Daisy Snap, Estie Dillie, Clifford Lipp, Claude Wilson, Emma Kirkwood, and the last teacher I had when I stopped school at seventeen years was A. A. Longfellow. When I was eleven, Round Prairie had no teacher for the spring term. That spring I worked out and went to the Petty School, west of South Union.

Lydia wrote of school days, "There were six of us going to school at once. Think of the sandwiches it took! We didn't call them that at that time. One sandwich wasn't enough some way and so the Saturday baking didn't last long. We always had to bake through the week. We girls often baked in the evening or had to miss school to do it."

Lydia further wrote of their sharing in the work as well as the good times. "We children all had our share of work. We older girls took turns in cooking and milking. Mother had butter customers. How many, many pounds we made into rolls. Later the customers furnished little crocks for their butter." Abe said, "For twenty years we peddled butter in Bellefontaine. Old Mrs. Blaney got her gallon of buttermilk each week. I remember driving old Topsy or Kate and going with Mother or Pa to town. I can feel the hot air in my face as we drove along the highway during the hot dry summers of the early nineties. We all had our chores to do. The older boys took care of the horses. Pa liked to care for the sheep and hogs. We all learned to milk as we got big enough. In our early years we carried wood and cobs for kindling and carried the grain to the chicken house for Ma. Every Saturday or so the chicken house had to be cleaned. In the winters when Pa fed steers there was fodder to be hauled.

"I remember one May—I must have been six or seven—I was out helping Simon plant corn by lifting the wire over stumps and rocks, when I got an awful headache and had to go to the house. I knew what was coming. It was measles. Lydia and Aaron had them first and Simon came down with them several days later. I think there must have been seven of us sick at one time. Jonah and I were in the folks' bed and a couple younger ones in the trundle bed in the same room. I believe there were measles in both upstairs rooms."

Such circumstances must have taken the work of both parents, and there is no better place to include a tribute to a father in the home who willingly and efficiently carried his share of the responsibility in rearing the family. A visitor in the home during those days afterward told how she witnessed the solution to the problem of getting so many children ready for church on Sunday morning. "He (meaning the father) would get a basin of water and line up the little ones and scrub them. Everyone cooperated and whenever health permitted that family of children was all in church on Sunday morning."

Cooperation and sharing were normally cultivated in this home in the lives of the children by example of the parents. Ella wrote, "Their discipline was of a type one didn't soon forget. The ideals our parents practiced were those which stood high not in education but in principle. We were respected but not spoiled. We were not allowed to talk in when older folks were conversing. We were taught to practice the golden rule and to love our neighbor as ourselves. They seemingly took a stand that many opposed in this: if your conduct in school was such that punishment was meted out, when you got home, if investigation proved your guilt, the punishment was repeated." She remembered a specific incident when this principle was practiced.

Irvin wrote, "We were taught to choose the way of righteousness, avoiding the spirit of compromise. As to methods of work we were taught that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well." Lydia wrote, "Both our parents and grandparents stood for thrift, economy and honesty. I remember of their telling that with a big family to support they had to economize and manage or they could not have paid the debt on the place. They also taught obedience and submission. If people were more submissive to each other how different things would be." Ella adds to this picture the following: "When a transgression occurred in the life of any of us that conflicted with the church regulations and Bible principles we were supposed to inform the Church officials ourselves. Father told us that is the way to keep the Church pure and powerful in her service for the Master."

This truly was a home where the father did the talking. He spoke frankly and when aroused he spoke earnestly and at times with considerable volume. Not so with Mother. Ella wrote that her mother never did much talking but often used her little whip which she kept above the door in the kitchen or dining room. Lydia wrote

of her mother in this way: "Mother had ways like her Father. She seemed tender-hearted as he was and like him, never argued. Anna and I worked for Grandpa Yoder a lot. There was such a difference in the Grandparents. Folks in a conversation often say how they believed differently, but Grandfather would never argue."

Ella gave the following incident which adds to the picture of her mother. "I well remember one time Mother came out on the front porch, which was a very common sort of structure without a roof, and called me. She didn't see me but I saw her. I was kneeling by the garden fence eating currants. They weren't too ripe. She had told us not to eat of them yet because they were not ripe enough, but I thought they were and had seated myself along the fence reaching through for them in a sneaking way. When she first called, I didn't answer. When I came to her she told me to get her paddle and talked to me with tears in her eyes about disobedience and acting a lie. I never forgot that punishment or the impression."

Nelson told of a switch he felt that made him never want to feel one again. The other children had all gone to school and he wanted to go too. Even though Mother had said he might go the next day he was determined to go that day and started out the gate when Pa met him with the switch. Nelson also recalled what sport he had in his pre-school days throwing stones at the beehives and watching the bees swarm. The fun ended when the bees found him and stung him so badly that his eyes were swollen shut.

"Father taught the older boys a good lesson with few words one time. About dusk one evening," according to Lydia, "the boys chased all the chickens out of the house and got up on the roosts themselves and crowed. Father came by and closed the door, saying, 'Now crow on'. Crowing ceased to be very much fun."

The following incident completes the picture of childhood days. It rounds out the picture by illustrating the care of the Heavenly Father. After sixty years this memory is still vivid in Abe's mind. "I remember on a fourth of July when I was around six years old that Irvin and Rudy and I were playing under the big cedar tree in the front yard. I said to the boys, 'We'd better go in the house because it's going to rain.' They listened to me and we all scampered for the house. Mother was sewing on the machine by an open window to the front and just as I stuck my head out the window there came an awful clap of thunder and a bolt of lightning hit that tree and splintered it and some fence posts around the yard and an old stump near by. The tree died and had to be cut down."

CHAPTER III

THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED

Time marches on and soon childhood days are only memories. Yet during those days the very foundation stones are laid for all that life is yet to be. Blessed are those who in their childhood days have come to know God, His Son, and His Church. Blessed are those whose parents have gone before them in the way of right. Blessed are those who have felt the ennobling influences of growing up together with brothers and sisters in a country home.

Such were the blessings in the Abraham and Mattie Yoder King home. Eleven of twelve children grew to be men and women. Ten of the eleven children united with the parents' church. All eleven of these children married and had families, none of which quite measured up to their parental home in numbers of children. They all went through the grades at the Round Prairie School. One went on to high school in Bellefontaine. Ten rural homes came from this one fine country home, and the rural emphasis has continued in the homes of the grandchildren.

It was twenty-five years after Abe and Mattie had built their nest that the first daughter birdling went to build a nest. You will recall that Mattie was near twenty-five when she married, and the author recalls hearing one of the younger girls express the opinion that twenty-five was the ideal age for marriage. This first birdling copied her parents and grandparents in another respect; she flew on west several hundred miles to build her nest.

Out in the open stretches of country beyond the Mississippi River near Garden City, Missouri, there was a Mennonite community. From this settlement, from the home of Stephen and Mary King Kauffman, a young man boarded an eastbound train one gray fall day in 1900. But the grayness of the day did not affect Frank Kauffman. His heart was light yet full of serious meditations. In a few days he would return a different man for he was going to get his wife.

Wedding preparations were going on in the King house on the hill. They were combined with the usual Thanksgiving arrangements. On Tuesday, November 27, 1900, Lydia King and Frank Kauffman were united in marriage by Bishop David Plank. After several days of visiting in the West Liberty community they left for Missouri.

Two years later David Kauffman brought Lydia's twin sister, Anna, from Missouri to Ohio for their wedding. Dave wrote: "As to visiting them (meaning the parents) when I was courting my wife, the first and only time was when I took her from Missouri to Ohio to marry her. We got there sometime after eleven o'clock at night. I remember when we got into the house Grandpa said, 'The Bridegroom came.' We were married the next day at eleven o'clock." That was Thursday, January 30, 1902. Bishop David Plank performed this ceremony, too. It is likely that at both of these marriages the vows were spoken in Pennsylvania Dutch. As remuneration for the service, each time the father of the bride sent the minister a wagon load of wood.

Anna and David returned to Missouri and went to housekeeping there, in the same community with Lydia and Frank. There they attended the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church. To Frank and Lydia there were born three daughters and two sons, one son dying in childhood. To Dave and Anna six children were born: two sons, then two sets of twins—three more sons and one daughter. In 1916 Dave and Anna moved their family to Minot, North Dakota. There they attended the Fairview Mennonite Church. From the children of these twin sisters there are now serving in the Mennonite Church two as bishops, one as deacon and two as bishops' wives. Of these two families Frank and Anna and one of Anna's younger twin sons are deceased. The other children are all married and have homes and children.

Two years before the first daughter in the King home was married, Simon, the eldest son, went to Bishop David Plank's home and took unto himself to wife a daughter of the bishop, Katie Almeda. The date was Tuesday, December 27, 1898. A son and daughter came to bless this home, but before either of them grew to manhood the mother was called to the heavenly home, and two years after her passing the son joined her. The daughter in making her home among relatives spent time in North Dakota in her uncle's home. From there she went to Kansas to Hesston Bible School. There she married and lived the rest of her life, never returning to Ohio even for a visit, though she often planned to do so. Simon's second companion was Mary Bontrager Detwiler, a widow. Several years after her death he married Lola Hartzler, who after seven years of happiness saw him laid to rest.

In the fall before Dave and Anna's marriage Aaron, the second son in the King home, was united in marriage with Barbara Smucker,

the daughter of David J. and Sallie Zook Schmucker of Smithville, Ohio. The date was Thursday, October 16, 1902. When their little son was only three and a half years old, Barbara's cheery voice was silenced in death. Aaron's second companion was Anna Mary Zook, who bore him two daughters. Aaron and Simon and their families always lived near West Liberty. They attended church at South Union where Simon was deacon for some years. Aaron's son departed this world very suddenly in June, 1946, leaving his wife and four children.

Abe and Mattie King's third son, Jonah, went west and married Mollie M. Kauffman, a sister to Dave and Frank. They were married on Tuesday, May 26, 1903. Their five sons and four daughters grew up in the community near Garden City, Missouri. On the first of March in 1915, the second son, past six years old, met death by drowning, having fallen into a well. Grandpa King went out to the funeral. In 1936, after three years in Kansas, Jonah moved his family to Oregon. A year and a half after his wife's death, Jonah was found dead behind his car in a snow storm in Kansas, having died of a heart attack. Some months before, he had taken a trip east and had visited all his brothers and sisters.

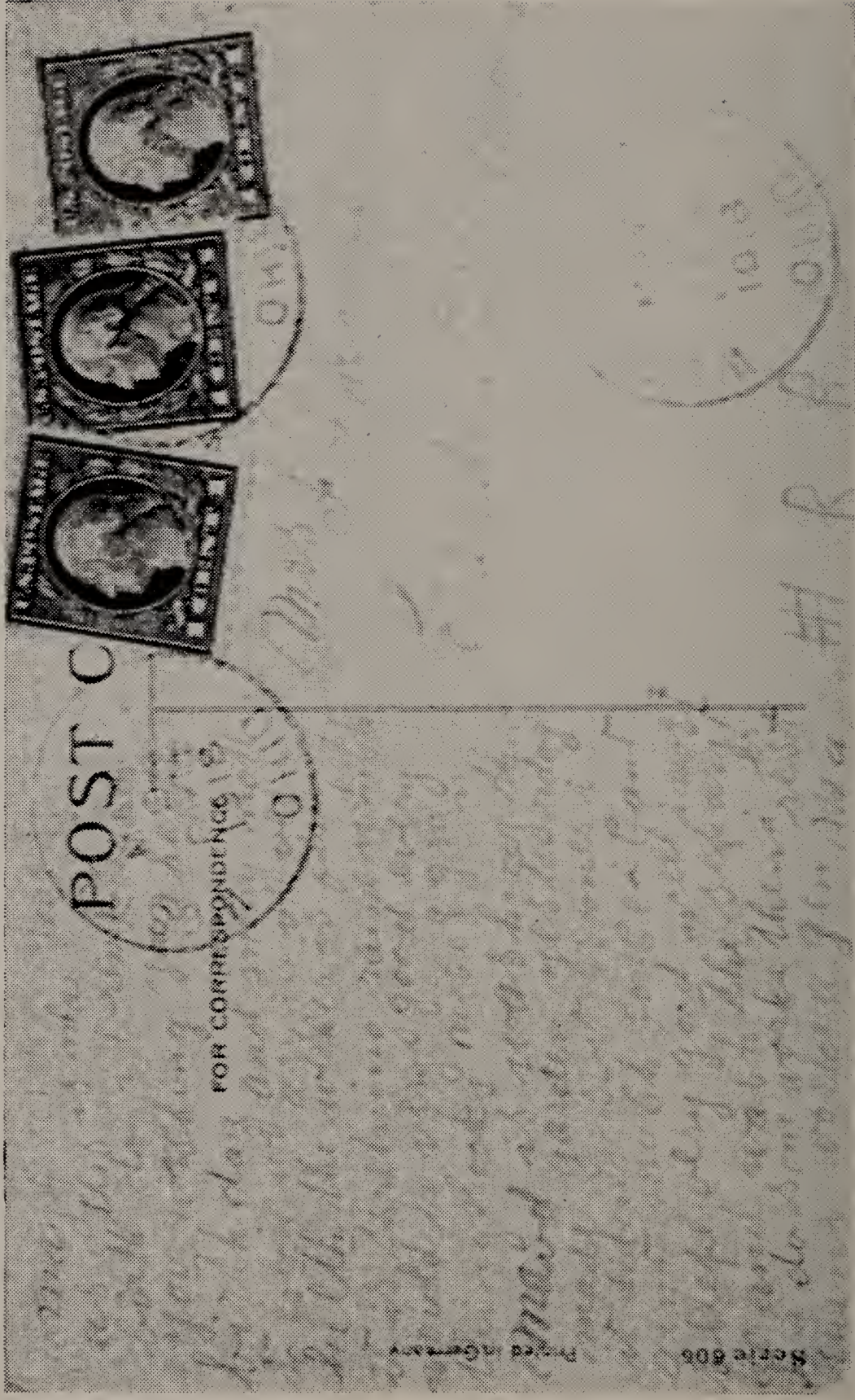
The third wedding in the King house on the hill was the union of Ella and Marion L. Plank, son of Samuel B. and Salome Plank of West Liberty. The bridegroom of that day in a recent letter to the author describes the happy event thus: "Our wedding day was some cloudy and rather cool. It was my Grandfather David Plank who married us. It was the time when the Dutch speaking was being dropped and Grandpa had asked me whether it should be in Dutch or English. I neglected telling him, so the ceremony was spoken about half in Dutch and half in English. The wedding was on Thanksgiving day, November 29, 1906, about 10 A. M. In the afternoon some of the men and boys played ball and shot mark. Grandpa King saw to it that each of his children got the same when they started housekeeping as his wife got from her home. I cannot remember what all it included but a good-sized butchered hog was a part of it. After we were married, Grandpa King told me to take a load of wood over to Grandpa Plank; so at an opportune time I performed the task." Marion and Ella's first home was near West Liberty. Between the arrival of the fourth and fifth daughters they moved to Eastern Pennsylvania. There, four of the daughters married, the second one serving the Oley Valley Mennonite Church as minister's wife. At the time of the mother's death in the spring of



THE HOMESTEAD IN 1897



THE FAMILY IN 1916



MA'S BIRTHDAY CARD TO LYDIA IN 1918

1948 the fourth daughter was stationed in India in relief work.

Ten years to the day after Lydia and Frank were married, Abe Jr. took his bride-to-be for a buggy ride one rainy Sunday evening to Bishop Plank's home. The bride, Alice Hartzler, daughter of B. F. and Salina Kauffman Hartzler, was attended by her only sister, Lola, and the groom was attended by his brother Irvin. The attendants had come in another buggy to this quiet little service in the Bishop's home. Abe and Alice took a wedding trip to Missouri and the following March took up residence on the King place, for by this time Grandpa's farming days were over and he had purchased a home, a much smaller farm, several miles south of the home place along the pike. Abe and Alice became parents to three sons and seven daughters. Their second son died before he reached his first birthday. During the first thirty years of the Abe King Jr. family history, they were located near West Liberty except for one year spent in Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1941 the family moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia. All of these children are members of the Mennonite Church, the eldest daughter having served in the Hannibal mission and two other daughters being ministers' wives.

On Friday, February 2, 1912, Irvin was united in marriage to Cora E. Shank, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Shenk Shank of Denbigh, Virginia, by Bishop George R. Brunk. They went to house-keeping in southeastern Virginia. Three sons and six daughters blessed this union, among them twin girls. The oldest daughter died at the age of twelve and the second son at fourteen years. Between the arrival of the third and fourth child, Irvin moved his family to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Two years later their house and its furnishings were completely destroyed in a night fire. A new house was erected and was home to them for more than twenty years. In 1943 the family moved to Chester County to be nearer their church. There Irvin was ordained to the office of deacon in the summer of 1947.

On Saturday evening, February 8, 1913, at West Liberty, Ohio, in the home of Rev. Kauffman occurred the marriage of Rudolph King and Imo Wirick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wirick of Bellefontaine, Ohio. The groom had completed his high school course in Bellefontaine in 1908. Two years later he had entered Business College in Columbus, Ohio. In 1922 he went into the coal business and since 1940 has been owner and manager of the King Coal Company. Rudolph and Imo have always lived in Columbus. Their son and daughter were educated in the city schools of Colum-

bus, the son taking up dentistry. He now answers to "Dr. King" in his dental office at 2993 N. High Street.

On Sunday, April 26, 1914, Nelson, the youngest son, was married to Grace Stayrook, daughter of David and Viola Bean Stayrook of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Three sons and four daughters came into this home. The first daughter died in infancy; the second daughter completed nurses' training at La Junta and remained in the West. When the youngest daughter was only two years old the mother died. Nelson's second companion was Anna Mary Roth. The first child, a son, died in infancy. In the fall of 1933 Nelson moved his family to northwestern Pennsylvania. Here a little daughter was born to them. Seven years later he was appointed superintendent of the Meadville Mission which position he filled for six years. On July 11, 1948, he was ordained by the Ohio Mission Board for the rural mission work at Crabapple, Ohio.

And now only the youngest daughter remained at home with the parents. In May, 1918, the mother wrote on a birthday card to Lydia that she worked a little then rested, "then i work agen." The years of hard work and responsibility began to show in the weakening of body. But on Tuesday, July 16, 1918, Pa, Ma, and Maude left Bellefontaine at eight-thirty for Minot, North Dakota, by the way of Chicago and St. Paul. Pa kept a little pocket diary on this trip in which he recorded the itinerary, the weather, the expenses, and the good times. The following entries are of particular interest:

JULY 18 AT 7

We called Brother Levi Glick and he came in with his car and took us out to D. G. We found some of them in bed we sure surprised them we found them all well then in the afternoon D. G. and I went to Minot and got our trunk all came through O. K.

July 22 I and Maud D. G. Floy and Brother Robbert Myers went in his car too the Indian Reservation to the Missouri River to a town called Elbo Woods 75 miles from Minot we got home at 10:30 a fine trip many sights to be seen

July 27 this morning we had a heavy rain D. G. and i went to Minot and got home at 6 then D. G. the Boys and Girls went to Surry to the Love feast

July 31 a fine day all well this afternoon we went over to Isral Yoders in Levi Glicks Buss Anna went along a very warm day

Aug 3 to day I and Nelson went with John Smucker to Minot in his auto D. G. and the Boys were cutting Rye

The recordings of their stay in North Dakota is full of little interesting details: the women went to sewing; they went visiting one evening and got home at ten because they had a "blow out"; they drove south on the prairie one evening and he saw hills; they went to Kenmore to visit L. C. Kauffmans and at the close of that entry he writes, "We met as never before"; on Sunday, August 11, Danny preached from Matt. 16:18; on Monday, August 26, they left for Missouri; August 28 entry reads that they were aboard the Rock Island, south of Des Moines, with a wreck ahead of them and waited there for six hours.

The following entries describe their visit in Missouri.

Sept. 3 at F. P.s they began to fill silo at noon we went to Rufus Kanagys all night it began to rain in the eve and Rained about all night.

Sept. 6 to day Ma and I are at Jonas and Maud is at F Ps Jonas are Boiling Apple Butter In the eve F. Ps came down I and Jonah went with F. P. to meeting Chauncey Hartzler Preached we were at Jonas all night.

The little journal stops abruptly at September 12. They were still in Missouri but both he and Ma hadn't been feeling well. Two months of visiting is tiring for young people and here they were in their late sixties.

The trip to the west bore fruit the following year in the marriage of Maude to Robert Myers on Sunday, November 23, 1919. They resided with the King parents on the little farm along the pike for ten years. During this time three little sons were born. After ten years of residence in North Dakota they moved to northwestern Pennsylvania. Here the second son was instantly killed by lightning while at work in the truck patch.

The last family gathering was a time of tears, rejoicing, and recounting of many happy memories. In the spring of 1916 when Dave and Anna moved to North Dakota they brought their family east to Ohio for a visit with the grandparents. Grandpa had often said that he wanted all the children home once more to sit around the table as they used to do. So when Daves came from Missouri it was arranged that the remaining children should come home to this reunion. The **West Liberty Banner** carried in its Wednesday, April 5, 1916, issue a news item like this:

KING FAMILY REUNION

Last week the Abraham King home was the scene of a happy family gathering. All of their children were present and partook of an old time "King" dinner as they sat around the table in the order of childhood days. Thirty-seven persons enjoyed the day's fellowship. Howard Baldwin took pictures of the family group alone and with the grandchildren.

The following persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. Abraham King and daughter, Maude; Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kauffman and children, Carl, Nelson, Floy, Floyd, Harold, and Herbert, of Minot, N. Dak.; Mrs. Frank Kauffman and daughter, Eldora, of Garden City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Simon King and Children, Carl and Nora, of Degraff; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron King and children, Boyd and Martha of West Liberty; Jonah King of Garden City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Plank and daughters, Dorothy, Delphia, and Annabel, of Degraff; Mr. and Mrs. Abe King Jr. and children, Harold and Edna, of West Liberty; Irvin King of South Boston, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph King of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson King and son, Clifford, of Bellefontaine.

The last days and the passing of Abraham and Mattie are described thus by their daughter Ella: "As time went on their bodies began to feel the strain of hard work and parental responsibility. Father was the first to fail in health. For a number of years he suffered with hardening of the arteries which caused him much distress at times. I wasn't there when he passed on but was told that he went in peace with a prayer on his lips. Mother lived about eight years longer. She had a stroke before Father died, and her health continued to wane for she missed him greatly. She loved company and appreciated having someone with her, even to sleep with her, after his departure. I didn't see her passing either. It was very sudden. It had been her desire not to linger and be a care."

It was with much patience that Abraham bore the intense sufferings of his last few months. Many times he expressed his readiness and desire to go to be with his Saviour. He had been a faithful brother in the church, a good father in the home, a Christian neighbor in the community, and in his last days appreciated the visits of friends and relatives, even in his characteristic frankness rebuking those who failed to come to see him as often as he thought they should. He died on Friday, April 21, 1921, at the age of seventy-two. The funeral services were held at the South Union Church on Monday forenoon in charge of Bishop A. I. Yoder and Brother Levi Plank. He was buried in the Yoder Cemetery on the Ludlow. Besides his companion and eleven children, three brothers remained. Moreover

there were thirty-seven grandchildren, many of whom had seen and known their grandfather, some having sat on his knee and heard him speak and sing.

During the lonely years after Abraham's death, Mattie was often discouraged by the lack of strength and failing sight. She expressed her desire to be more useful, not realizing that her work had been nobly done. When she could no longer read the Bible, she enjoyed having others read it to her. The author remembers how she used to come out to the gate with us when we would be leaving, and often she spoke of being so ready to go on to heaven. Her desire was granted when after five days of illness she closed her eyes for the last time on Saturday afternoon, October 20, 1928, at the age of seventy-eight. On Tuesday afternoon the funeral services were held at the South Union Church, conducted by Bishop A. I. Yoder and Brother Marion King. She was buried beside her companion in the cemetery along the Ludlow which her father and grandfather had planned. In her last few days she was cared for by a nurse, Mrs. Patrick. She was survived by four brothers, eleven children, fifty-three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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And now, April 20, 1949, the descendants of Abraham and Mattie Yoder King are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific; they live in ten different states; the following table represents them in numbers:

	Living	Deceased
Children	7	5
Children-in-law	9	6
Grandchildren	51	12
Grandchildren-in-law	36	1
Great Grandchildren	93	7
Total	196	31
Grand Total	227	

The following table gives the names of those who have been called to positions of responsibility in the church along with the dates of their ordination and places of work.

Simon King	Deacon	Date unknown	West Liberty, Ohio
Wallace Kauffman	Deacon	July 5, 1925	West Liberty, Ohio
Wallace Kauffman	Minister	Mar. 22, 1936	West Liberty, Ohio
Elmer Hershberger	Minister	Oct. 30, 1930	Detroit Lakes, Minn.
Elmer Hershberger	Bishop	June 16, 1943	Detroit Lakes, Minn.
Nelson Kauffman	Minister	July 26, 1934	Hannibal, Mo.
Nelson Kauffman	Bishop	Sept. 22, 1940	Hannibal, Mo.
J. Otis Yoder	Minister	July 24, 1938	Midland, Mich. now Harrisonburg, Va.
Raymond Hershberger	Minister	April 9, 1939	Garden City, Mo.
Raymond Hershberger	Bishop	May 11, 1941	Garden City, Mo.
Floyd Kauffman	Minister	June 4, 1942	Minot, N. Dak.
Floyd Kauffman	Bishop	July 9, 1944	Minot, N. Dak.
Omar Kurtz	Minister	Jan. 4, 1943	Oley, Penna.
Carl Kauffman	Deacon	Jan. 10, 1943	Creston, Mont.
Luke Horst	Minister	July 11, 1943	Reading, Penna.
Irvin King	Deacon	July 1947	Malvern, Penna.
Nelson King	Minister	July 11, 1948	Crabapple, Ohio

CHAPTER IV

GENEALOGY

Abraham, b. Jan. 3, 1849 — dec. Apr. 1, 1921

son of Shem and Anna Zook King of New Wilmington, Pa.
md. Feb. 19, 1874, to

Mattie Yoder, b. May 19, 1850 — dec. Oct. 20, 1928

dau. of Jonas and Lydia Sharpe Yoder of West Liberty, Ohio.

Parents of the following children:

I.—Anna and

II.—Lydia twins

III.—Simon

IV.—Aaron

V.—Harvey

VI.—Jonah

VII.—Ellen

VIII.—Abraham, Jr.

IX.—Irvin

X.—Rudolph

XI.—Maude

XII.—Nelson

DESCENDENTS BY FAMILIES:

I.—Anna E., b. May 13, 1875 — dec. Jan. 15, 1946

md. Jan. 30, 1902, to

David Gideon Kauffman, b. May 2, 1878 —

son of Stephen and Mary King Kauffman of Garden
City, Mo.

I.A.—Carl Abram, b. Nov. 29, 1902 —

md. July 27, 1932, to

Elizabeth Ann Birky, b. Nov. 24, 1905 —

dau. of Jacob and Birky of
Creston, Mont.

I.A.1.—Mary Nadine, b. Feb. 4, 1934 —

I.A.2.—Marvin Dean, b. June 25, 1936 —

I.A.3.—Ervin Jacob, b. Apr. 5, 1939 —

I.A.4.—Fern Carlene, b. June 7, 1941 —

I.A.5.—Gerald Galen, b. Aug. 21, 1943 —

I.B.—Nelson Edward, b. Oct. 5, 1904 —

md. June 10, 1929, to

Christmas Carol Miller Hostetter, b. Dec. 25, 1902 —

dau of

I.B.1.—MaDonna Lee, b. Nov. 13, 1931 —

I.B.2.—Stanlee Devon, b. Nov. 19, 1935 —

I.B.3.—James Milton, b. Dec. 7, 1940 —

I.B.4.—Marcia Marie, b. Sept. 2, 1942 —

I.C.—Floy Ellen, b. Jan. 18, 1906 —

md. May 25, 1938, to

William Wallace Kauffman, b. Dec. 18, 1900 —

son of Jacob and Zook Kauffman of New
Wilmington, Pa.

I.C.1.—David Gideon, b. May 16, 1939 —

I.C.2.—John Israel, b. Sept. 18, 1940 —

I.C.3.—Anna Marjory, b. Dec. 26, 1944 —

I.C.4.—Rachel Elizabeth, b. May 22, 1945 —

I.D.—Floyd Edwin, b. Jan. 18, 1906 —

md. May 26, 1932, to

Ida Mary Troyer, b. Nov. 3, 1906 —

dau. of Menno and Troyer of
....., Kans.

I.D.1.—Ellen Elaine, b. Jan. 31, 1935 —

I.D.2.—Donavon Galen, b. Jan. 5, 1936 —

I.D.3.—Doreen Birdella, b. Dec. 6, 1937 —

I.D.4.—Paul Royce, b. Aug. 19, 1939 —

I.D.5.—Lois Arlene, b. May 16, 1941 —

I.D.6.—Pearl Joyce, b. June 5, 1943 —

I.D.7.—Allan Richard, b. Aug. 13, 1945 —

I.E.—Harold Yoder, b. Oct. 27, 1908 —

md. July 11, 1935, to

Wilma Elizabeth Kropf, b. Nov. 13, 1913 —

dau. of C. L. and Kropf of Hubbard, Ore.

I.E.1.—Verla Fay, b. May 6, 1936 —

I.E.2.—Zella Maxine, b. Aug. 13, 1937 —

I.E.3.—Zolla Pauline, b. Aug 13, 1937 —

I.E.4.—Wayne David, b. Dec. 8, 1938 —

I.E.5.—Dwaine Daniel, b. May 22, 1941 —

I.E.6.—Dwight Allan, b. Nov. 1, 1942 —

I.E.7.—Elton Lee, b. Mar. 8, 1944 —

I.F.—Herbert King, b. Oct. 27, 1908 — dec. Dec. 28, 1934
md. Oct. 6, 1934, to
Cora Irene Garber, b. Aug. 7,
dau. of Leonard and Garber of Jackson,
Minn.

I.F.1.—Hope Kathleen, b. Aug. 31, 1935 —

II.—Lydia A., b. May 13, 1875 —
md. Nov. 27, 1900, to

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Franklin Pierce Kauffman, b. Apr. 29, 1875—dec. May 29, 1930
son of Stephen and Mary King Kauffman of Garden
City, Mo.

II.A.—Golda Ellen, b. Jan. 1, 1902 —
md. Oct. 5, 1922, to

Elmer David Hershberger, b. Apr. 13, 1900 —
son of

II.A.1.—Leland Arthur, b. Mar. 1, 1924 — dec. Mar. 4,
1924

II.A.2.—Louise May, b. May 8, 1926—dec. May 10, 1935

II.A.3.—Marion Franklin, b. Nov. 30, 1927 —

II.A.4.—Doris Marie, b. May 20, 1929 —

II.A.5.—Mary Anne, b. Oct. 21, 1930 —

II.B.—Ida Pearl, b. June 25, 1903 —
md. Jan. 21, 1926, to

Willis Raymond Hershberger, b. May 11, 1902 —
son of

II.B.1.—Morris Eldon, b. Oct. 29, 1928 —

II.B.2.—Verna Irene, b. Jan. 27, 1932 —

II.B.3.—Willis Raymond, b. Sept. 30, 1938 — dec.
May 5, 1939

II.B.4.—Keith Leon, b. Apr. 27, 1944 —

II.C.—Marion Milford, b. Dec. 18, 1904 — dec. Sept. 10, 1906

II.D.—Vernon Franklin, b. Aug. 6, 1909 —
md. Apr. 20, 1940, to
Roberta Beulah McCulloh, b. Mar. 22, 1914 —
dau. of

II.D.1.—Larry Neal, b. Dec. 12, 1942 —

II.D.2.—Virginia Lea, b. Feb. 29, 1948 —

II.E.—Eldora Fern, b. Feb. 15, 1915 —
md. Aug. 11, 1942, to
Philip Eli Yoder, b. Dec. 2, 1913 —
son of Eli and Lizzie Troyer Yoder of West Lib-
erty, Ohio

II.E.1.—Myron K., b. Oct. 11, 1943 —

II.E.2.—Richard Eldon, b. Dec. 12, 1946 — dec. Dec. 12,
1946

II.E.3.—Ramona Ann, b. Mar. 6, 1948 —

III.—Simon H., b. Oct. 7, 1876 — dec. June 5, 1948

md. Dec. 27, 1898, to

Katie Almeda Plank, b. July 23, 1875 — dec. Oct. 13, 1917

dau. of

David and Mary Hartzler Plank of Bellefontaine, Ohio

III.A.—Carl Elwood, b. Nov. 11, 1899 — dec. Apr. 21, 1919

III.B.—Nora May, b. Jan. 7, 1905 — dec. Sept. 25, 1944

md. Aug. 11, 1927, to

George Walter Coopridier, b. Nov. 3, 1895 — dec. Sept.
16, 1948

son of Walter and Minnie Brunk Coopridier of
McPherson, Kan.

III.B.1.—Walter Ray, b. Dec. 2, 1928 —

md.

III.B.2.—Fred Mervin, b. Nov. 28, 1932 —

Simon md. Feb. 15, 1919, to

Mary Magdalene Bontrager Detwiler, b. Nov. 17, 1877 — dec.
Apr. 17, 1939

dau. of John and King Bontrager of
West Liberty, Ohio

Simon md. Apr. 13, 1941, to

Lola Monet Hartzler, b. July 3, 1892

dau. of Benjamin and Salina Kauffman Hartzler
of West Liberty, O.

IV.—Aaron, b. Nov. 17, 1877 —

md. Oct. 16, 1902, to

Barbara Salina Smucker, b. July 13, 1873 — dec. Oct. 17, 1907
dau. of David J. and Sallie Zook Smucker, of Smith-
ville, O.

IV.A.—Boyd Irvin, b. Jan. 9, 1904 — dec. June. 28, 1946

md. Dec. 9, 1930, to

Sadie LaVern Kanagy, b. May 5, 1901—

dau. of George and Annie Detwiler Kanagy of West
Liberty, Ohio

IV.A1.—Irma Kathryn, b. Dec. 14, 1931 —

IV.A.2.—Boyd Wendell, b. Mar. 15, 1934 —

IV.A.3.—Byron Forest, b. Mar. 30, 1936 —

IV.A.4—Anna Barbara, b. Sept. 9, 1937 —

Aaron md. Dec. 17, 1908, to

Anna Mary Zook, b. Sept. 2, 1878 —

dau. of Shem D. and Elizabeth Mast Zook of West
Liberty, Ohio

IV.B.—Martha Elizabeth, b. Apr. 8, 1913 —

IV.C.—Mary Kathryn, b. Nov. 1, 1916 —

V.—Harvey, b. Oct. 31, 1879 — dec. Dec. 21, 1884

VI.—Jonah, b. Feb. 3, 1881 — dec. Nov. 5, 1948
md. May 26, 1903, to
Mollie Kauffman, b. Feb. 13, 1884 — dec. May 10, 1947
dau. of Stephen and Mary King Kauffman of Garden
City, Mo.

VI.A.—Emma Belle, b. Oct. 13, 1904 —
md. June 21, 1940, to
Amos J. Lais, b. Jan. 19, 1881 —
son of

VI.B.—Ervin Lloyd, b. Dec. 29, 1906 —
md. Mar. 2, 1938, to
Mary L. Garrett, b. Oct. 12, 1911 —
dau. of

VI.C.—Raleigh Ray, b. Sept. 3, 1908 — dec. Mar., 1915

VI.D.—Naomi Maude, b. Jan. 14, 1911 —
md. Dec. 3, 1939, to
Andrew Bryan Dunsworth, b. June 6, 1888 —
son of

VI.D.1.—Lyle Winfred, b. Nov. 26, 1934 —

VI.E.—Lawrence Abraham, b. May 8, 1915 —
md. May 22, 1941, to
Sadie Yoder, b. Dec. 31, 1912 —
dau. of

VI.E.1.—Vivian Leona, b. Aug. 2, 1944 —

VI.E.2.—Verle Allen, b. Dec. 28, 1945

VI.E.3.....

VI.E.4.—John Weldon, b. Jan. 8, 1949 —

VI.F.—Stephen Kenneth, b. Apr. 7, 1919 —

md. May 17, 1941, to

Barbara Lucille Kauffman, b. May 2, 1923 —

dau. of

VI.G.—Dorthy Frances, b. Oct. 30, 1922 —

md. to

Lawrence Johnson, b. —

son of

VI.H.—Junior J., b. Sept. 19, 1924 —

VI.I.—Glenna Fern, b. Dec. 16, 1926 —

VII.—Mary Ellen, b. Nov. 12, 1882 — dec. Mar. 6, 1948

md. Nov. 29, 1906, to

Marion LeRoy Plank, b. June 21, 1883 —

son of Samuel B and Salome M. Plank of West
Liberty, Ohio

VII.A.—Dorthy Crystal, b. May 21, 1908 —

md. June 28, 1930, to

Jonas H. Swartz, b. Jan. 19, 1906

son of Samuel D. and Myrtie Wenger Swartz of
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VII.A.1.—Gladys Ellen, b. May 9, 1931 —

VII.A.2.—Carolyn Ann, b. Jan. 26, 1933 —

VII.A.3.—Lillian Ruth, b. Sept. 30, 1936 —

VII.A.4.—Carl Jonas, b. Aug. 13, 1943 —

VII.B.—Delphia Maude, b. June 4, 1913 —

md. June 15, 1935, to

Omar Abram Kurtz, b. May 6, 1912 —

son of Jacob E. and Rebecca Mast Kurtz of Morgantown, Pa.

VII.B.1.—Infant Daughter, July 17, 1936 —

VII.B.2.—Jacob Edward, b. Jan. 9, 1938 —

VII.B.3.—Christine Ann, b. Dec. 15, 1940 —

VII.B.4.—Lowell Clair, b. Nov. 21, 1942 —

VII.B.5.—Salome Maude, b. June 20, 1944 —

VII.B.6.—Dorothy Marie, b. Oct. 3, 1946—

VII.C.—Annabell, b. Nov. 10, 1914 —

md. Nov. 18, 1933, to

Aaron Harley Tyson, b. Nov. 15, 1909 —
son of John D. and Annie Harley Tyson of.....

VII.C.1.—Twila Jane, b. May 2, 1936 —

VII.C.2.—Cena Pearl, b. Feb. 9, 1938 —

VII.C.3.—Aaron LeRoy, b. Oct. 24, 1940 —

VII.D.—Lydia Caroline, b. July 6, 1918 —

VII.E.—Cena Ellen, b. Apr. 11, 1923 —
md. Dec. 28, 1946, to
Lloyd E. King, b. June 27, 1925 —
son of Thomas and Hannah Fisher King of Mor-
gantown, Pa.

VII.E.1.—Leon Lloyd, b. June 24, 1948 —

VIII.—Abraham, b. Mar. 25, 1884 —
md. Nov. 27, 1910, to
Alice Hazel Hartzler, b. June 23, 1889 —
dau. of Benjamin F. and Salina Kauffman Hartzler
of West Liberty, O.

VIII.A.—Harold Richard, b. Jan. 15, 1912 —
md. Sept. 7, 1941, to
Genevieve Mae King, b. Jan. 2, 1913 —
dau. of Ben B. and Malinda Mann King of Shel-
don, Wis.

VIII.A.1.—Daniel Wayne, b. Nov. 9, 1942 —

VIII.A.2.—Carol Louise, b. Oct. 27, 1945 —

VIII.A.3.—Arnold Ray, b. Jan. 4, 1948 —

VIII.B.—Edna Pearl, b. Mar. 15, 1913 —

md. Aug. 11, 1940, to

Ephraim Miller, b. Sept. 10, 1907 —

son of Menno J. and Sarah Schlabach Miller of
Nappanee, Ind.

VIII.B.1.—David Leon, b. Dec. 28, 1941 —

VIII.B.2.—Miriam Ellen, b. Mar. 31, 1943 —

VIII.B.3.—Barbara Lois, b. Sept. 27, 1944 —

VIII.B.4.—Ruth Ann, b. Dec. 12, 1945 —

VIII.C.—Earl Kent, b. Oct. 28, 1914 — dec. Sept. 1, 1915 —

VIII.D.—Lola Isabelle, b. Mar. 10, 1917 —

md. June 23, 1939, to

John Otis Yoder, b. Sept. 21, 1914 —

son of Levi U. J. and Mary Ellen Hershberger
Yoder, of Midland, Mich.

VIII.D.1.—John Otis, Jr., b. Apr. 3, 1941 —

VIII.D.2.—Constance Isabelle, b. Sept. 19, 1942 —

VIII.E.—Helen Marie, b. July 3, 1918 —

VIII.F.—Sanford Abraham, b. Oct. 19, 1920 —

md. Sept. 15, 1945, to

Mary Elizabeth Martin, b. Mar. 23, 1922 —

dau. of Perry and Annie Wenger Martin, of Har-
sonburg, Va.

VIII.F.1.—Mary Jane, b. Sept. 27, 1946 —

VIII.F.2.—Lois Ann, b. Oct. 1, 1948 —

VIII.G.—Ruth Ellen, b. Mar. 17, 1922 —

md. Sept. 21, 1945, to

Luke Leroy Horst, b. June 5, 1922 —

son of Elmer and Katie Buckwalter Horst, of Read-
ing, Pa.

VIII.G.1.—Naomi Ruth, b. Aug. 19, 1946 —

VIII.G.2.—Esther Lois, b. Feb. 9, 1948 —

VIII.G.3.—Ellen Marie, b. Apr. 12, 1949 —

VIII.H.—Ruby Alice, b. Dec. 31, 1924 —

VIII.I.—Esther Salina, b. Oct. 14, 1926 —

VIII.J.—Nancy Ann, b. May 22, 1933 —

IX.—Irvin John, b. Nov. 13, 1885 —

md. Feb. 2, 1912, to

Cora E. Shank, b. Mar. 13, 1888 —

dau. of Martin and Elizabeth Shenk Shank of
Denbigh, Va.

IX.A.—Leona Mae, b. Jan. 4, 1913 — dec. Jan. 10, 1925

IX.B.—Myron Abraham, b. May 11, 1915 —

md. Nov. 24, 1937, to

Edna Rebecca Stoltzfus, b. Feb. 22, 1917 —

dau. of John K. and Kathryn Grubb Stoltzfus, of
Morgantown, Pa.

IX.B.1.—Catharine Elizabeth, b. Oct. 10, 1939 —

IX.B.2.—Eleanor Faye, b. Mar. 17, 1945 — dec. Mar. 20,
1945

IX.B.3.—Elwood Jay, b. Mar. 17, 1945 —

IX.C.—Tillman Rudolph, b. July 24, 1917 — dec. Oct. 12, 1931

IX.D.—Evelyn Elizabeth, b. Nov. 28, 1919 —

IX.E.—Aaron Martin, b. June 26, 1922 —

IX.F.—Clara Elnora, b. May 15, 1925 —

IX.G.—Cora Eldora, b. May 15, 1925 —

IX.H.—Laura Elva, b. Feb. 6, 1928 —

IX.I.—Almeda Esther, b. July 23, 1931 —

X.—Rudolph, b. May 11, 1887 —

md. Feb. 8, 1913, to

Imo G. Wirick, b. Oct. 28, 1892 —

dau. of John and Eva Louden Wirick, of Bellefontaine, Ohio

X.A.—Than R., b. Mar. 5, 1917 —

md. Oct. 31, 1942, to

Margaret Ellen Brown, b. Aug. 23, 1917 —

dau. of William C. and Brown of Columbus, Ohio

X.A.1.—Barbara Ellen, b. Nov. 27, 1947 —

X.B.—Jean Evelyn, b. Jan. 27, 1919 —

md. Jan. 23, 1943, to

Jack Clifton Van Guilder, b. Feb. 26, 1917 —

son of Herbert and Van Guilder of Columbus, Ohio

X.B.1.—Eric Clifton, b.

XI.—Maude Mae, b. Mar. 29, 1889 —

md. Nov. 23, 1919, to

Robert E. Myers, b. Dec. 22, 1889 —

son of

XI.A.—Willis Dwight, b. July 17, 1921 —
md. June 5, 1941, to
Myrtle M. Miller, b. Oct. 3, 1917 —
dau. of

XI.A.1.—Carolyn Jean, b. Aug. 19, 1942 —

XI.A.2.—Eldora Pearl, b. July 22, 1943 —

XI.A.3.—James Dwight, b. Oct. 16, 1944 —

XI.A.4.—Russell Elwin, b. Aug. 29, 1946 —

XI.B.—Tillman Russel, b. May 11, 1923 — dec. July 9, 1940 —

XI.C.—Robert Mark, b. Nov. 12, 1927 —

XII.—Nelson Levi, b. Feb. 28, 1894 —

md. Apr. 26, 1914, to

Grace Stayrook, b. Dec. 1, 1892 — dec. Dec. 29, 1927

dau. of David and Viola Bean Stayrook of Belle-
fontaine, Ohio

XII.A.—William Clifford, b. Mar. 26, 1915 —

md. May 19, 1943, to

Mabel R. O'Brien, b. Aug. 21, 1919 —

dau. of

XII.A.1.—Patricia Ann, b. Jan., 1947 —

XII.B.—Mary Thelma, b. June 2, 1916 — dec. June 2, 1916

XII.C.—Margaret Elizabeth, b. Apr. 9, 1917 —

md. Apr. 20, 1940, to

Earl Ellsworth Showalter, Jr., b. Dec. 9, 1923 —

son of Earl and Blosser Showalter of
LaJunta, Colo.

XII.C.1.—Mary Catharine, b. Jan. 7, 1944 —

XII.C.2.—Ralph Sherwin, b. Jan. 2, 1945 —

XII.C.3.—Roy Sherman, b. Dec. 22, 1946 —

XII.D.—Dwight Abraham, b. Dec. 7, 1918 —

md. Nov. 26, 1944, to

Jean Marie Miller, b. Dec. 24, 1923 —

dau. of Mrs. August Miller of Erie, Pa.

XII.E.—Eldon Lewis, b. Aug. 25, 1921 —

md. Jan. 6, 1941, to

Edythe Litwiller, b. Oct. 22, 1920 —

dau. of Simon and Lillie Bechler of Manson, Iowa

XII.E.1.—Marlyn LeRoy, b. Sept. 10, 1942 — dec. Sept.
11, 1942 —

XII.E.2.—Marilyn Joyce, b. Sept. 28, 1943 —

XII.E.3.—Judith Ann, b. Oct. 17, 1944 —

XII.F.—Velda Claribelle, b. May 28, 1924 —
md. Apr. 24, 1943, to
Thomas Jefferson Parson, b. Nov. 30, 1912 —
son of

XII.F.1.—Dwight Harvey, b. Apr. 16, 1944 —

XII.F.2.—William Lee, b. June 3, 1945 —

XII.F.3.—Marvilene Rose, b. Aug. 1, 1948 —

XII.G.—Verda Mildred, b. Aug. 23, 1925 —
md. Aug. 31, 1946, to
Austin William Niederriter, b. July 3, 1922
son of

Nelson md. Feb. 27, 1929, to
Anna Mary Roth, b. Feb. 26, 1901 —
dau. of Benedict and Nancy Hartzler Roth of Bellefontaine, Ohio

XII.H.—Martin Luther, b. Jan. 21, 1930 — dec. Jan. 22, 1930

XII.I.—Martha Ellen, b. June 10, 1934 —

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